



# Weekly Press Forum

Red Wing (Minn.) News: The republicans may have made a full dinner pail, but they did it by putting in a false bottom.

Rochester (Pa.) Commoner: Liberty, Lincoln maintained, is a natural right of man. Roosevelt tells us it is a mere gift.

York (Neb.) Democrat: Judge Parker would make a model jurymen. He has neither formed nor expressed an opinion and has no bias or prejudice against either party.

Winona (Minn.) Leader: It seems that Cleveland has a grudge against Judge Parker and is now getting his revenge. He has again emphasized the fact that he is for Parker.

Auburn (Neb.) Herald: Grover Cleveland congratulates the country that he was president. The country congratulates itself upon the fact that the past tense applies to his case.

Boonsboro (Md.) Times: The platform adopted by the democracy of Nebraska last week is a sensible, unequivocal and withal a conservative declaration of democratic principles.

Rochester (Minn.) Democrat: The only safe course for the democratic party is to nominate a man for president who has declared himself and by his utterances is known to stand right upon the vital issues before the people.

Fairbury (Neb.) Journal: The reorganizers tell us they don't want to go into a campaign on a dead issue, but when you ask them what their issue is going to be, they dodge. Better a dead issue than no issue at all.

Urbana (O.) Democrat: How do republicans expect their famous elephant to advance in the highway of national prosperity when, with Roosevelt on his back and Lodge trying to lead him, one of his hind legs is firmly tied to the "stand pat" post?

Red Wing (Minn.) News: There is no other graft that approaches the protective tariff in consequence and in demoralizing effect. Graft ceases from the day the people are determined to root it out and not until then.

Nebraska City (Neb.) News: The country never cried out louder for government along the line of equal rights than now, because today at the hands of the republican party equal rights are not enjoyed by the people. Special privileges are bestowed ad libitum upon money monarchs, captains of finance and plundering plutocrats. Today men of millions are given privileges by the republican party and republican policies to crush the masses.

Central City (Neb.) Democrat: Whether you are a silverite, reorganizer, scribe, Philistine or Pharisee, this fact is as painfully evident to you as a pebble in a stick of peanut candy: democracy stands at a dividing road—in one direction lies peace with those barnacles that once clung to her, and a

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return to the fleshpots of plutocracy; in the other a continued fight for humanity, with that victory that will eventually come to the right as her portion.

Fulton (Ill.) Journal: Those pestilent fellows known as "anti-imperialists" predicted two or three years ago that our national immorality in plundering the Filipinos and cheating the Porto Ricans would react at home upon ourselves. Did the reader of this paragraph ever know a time when there was so much embezzlement, highway robbery, and motley violation of the rights of others? Perhaps this is the purity of our administration abroad reflected upon the people at home, as Senator Beveridge predicted.

Albia (Ia.) News: The fervent admiration of Hamilton and the disparagement of Jefferson by republican newspapers and orators is a significant sign. Hamilton was the most pronounced monarchist of his generation. He wanted a senate elected for life, and a permanent president and nobility, and if he could have had his way the states would have been extinguished and subjected to a strong central power. If he were alive now he would hate the anti-imperialists as the arch enemies of mankind.

Kosinsco (Miss.) Star Ledger: Is it not just a little remarkable that there is such a strong effort on the part of a few men in different parts of the country to nominate Judge Parker? And yet, to this good hour he has never given a public utterance on any national question. The people are kept in the dark as to where he stands on the tariff, the trusts, imperialism and every other question that the democratic party stands for or against. He is either a man of such decidedly negative characteristics as to unfit him for the exalted position of president, or he is trying to fool the people as to where he stands.

Nebraska City (Neb.) News: The steel trust has added one dollar to the price of the farmer's plow. The wire trust has put up the price of fencing so that the farmer can hardly afford to fence his fields. The lumber trust has increased by 50 per cent the cost of the barn he builds. The twine trust is taking toll from his wheat crop. The tobacco trust is regulating the price of his crop of the weed. In the face of all these well known facts there are people who when you suggest a presidential campaign against the trust, declare that you must not disturb business interests. The business interests of all such predatory wealth ought not only be disturbed, but they ought to be destroyed by law.

Hastings (Neb.) Democrat: Mr. Cleveland's defense of his course during the 1894 Chicago railroad strike was very inopportune. During the strike period John P. Altgeld was governor of Illinois; two years ago Altgeld died. Mr. Cleveland had eight years during Mr. Altgeld's lifetime to make his defense, but he had no defense that was worthy the name while Altgeld lived. With the latter dead, Mr. Cleveland imagines that his perfidy is so far forgotten that he can malign the dead and clear his own skirts. But the people have not forgotten. Mr. Cleveland's course in that strike was bad enough, and he only makes it worse by attacking the dead Altgeld, when he had such ample opportunity to speak while Altgeld lived

and could have answered.

Franklin (Tenn.) News: Will the party at St. Louis indorse by its silence the outrageous republican currency bills now pending before congress, and which will be passed at the short session if the plutocracy prevails this fall? Will our party say, even by its silence, that it favors coining up our standard silver dollars, which are full legal tender, into subsidiary coins which are only a limited tender? Will it say by its silence that it favors increasing the favoritism shown to national banks, and to certain pet banks at that, by repealing the law which prohibits customs receipts from being deposited in them, and thus increase their ability and their motive to contribute to republican campaign funds? Will it say by its silence that it favors repealing the law which forbids the retirement of more than \$3,000,000 of bank notes per month, thus giving the banks unlimited power to contract the currency to any extent at their own sweet will? Will our party be silent on these enormous wrongs at the behest and dictation of Wall street?

Rochester (Ind.) Sentinel: A good many newspapers and democrats who originally favored the nomination of Judge Parker for president are growing impatient with his silence. They see men who are supposed to have questionable motives booming Parker. They hear rumors that Parker is the pliant tool of the New Yorkers who play speculation and politics together. They urge Parker to declare himself before the party meets in convention that democrats may know where he stands. And in the face of all this he says nothing, and August Belmont, David B. Hill, and Grover Cleveland keep on boosting him and declaring that he is all right. The presidency of the United States is too important to be trusted to an unknown quantity and if Judge Parker, believed by many democrats to be the man to nominate, does not give some expression as to where he stands on the important issues of the day, he will be badly beaten at the St. Louis convention. The democrats of this country insist on knowing who they are nominating and it is right that they should.

Union (W. Va.) Watchman: It was the bogie of free silver and 16 to 1 which was invariably plead as the excuse for democrats throwing themselves into the arms of the Cleveland-Hill reorganizers this spring and shaking with the horrors every time Bryan's name was mentioned. Now we have the Nebraska platform which Bryan himself wrote, and it does not mention free silver nor 16 to 1. The Nebraska platform is a piece of plain, understandable writing, opposing all private monopolies and corrupt corporate rule, condemning imperialism and declaring for ultimate independence to the Philippines as to Cuba, favoring a tariff for revenue only and an income tax secured by a constitutional amendment. And here is its plank on the money question: "Democracy would administer the treasury in behalf of the public, not as now, in the interests of Wall street; it would prevent the recoinage of legal tender silver dollars into limited tender subsidiary coin; it would secure to the people a volume of standard money sufficient to keep pace with the demand for money; it would favor paper

money issued by the government without the intervention of national banks; it would resist the attempt to establish an asset currency and branch banks, and it would oppose the loaning of government money to favored banks—a scheme by which the people's money is employed to lay a foundation for a campaign fund and to bribe the financial interests to oppose any reduction of taxation. The present administration of the treasury is progressively beneficial to the capitalistic class and progressively harmful to the producers of wealth." Does that sound like the voice of a man anxious and determined to bolt? The truth is the corporationists never cared seriously for free silver, but have always used it as a spook to frighten the timid and the unthinking into deserting the whole democratic position.

Crete (Neb.) Democrat: Roosevelt said he was pleased to see Knox in the senate, as he would be of great service to the people in curbing the rapacity of the trusts. Does the president take the people for fools, or is he honest? Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania railroad company; H. C. Frick, head of the steel trust, and other trust managers selected Knox to represent the trusts in the senate and Teddy knows they did.

Montrose (Pa.) Democrat: Judge Gray is an able man, in his way. But he was one of the democrats who left his party in 1896 and helped elect McKinley. And afterwards McKinley appointed him to a judgeship. The democrat hasn't the least idea that the democratic party will be looking for that kind of a candidate for president. And you may tell Judge Gray's friends so, with our compliments.

Colby (Kas.) Free Press: The Nashville American is one of the leading democratic papers that delights in fighting Bryan. It has been recently discovered that the stockholders in the company that owns and controls the American are leading republicans.

White Hall (Ill.) Register: Wouldn't the administration papers have set up a howl if the Nebraska democrats had acted like the republicans of Wisconsin and Illinois, in the recent state conventions?

Bolivar (Mo.) Herald: The democratic party must adopt a platform that says what it means and means what it says. There must be no equivocation about it.

### Significant

Archbishop Riordan, of San Francisco, called on President Roosevelt recently, says the New York Tribune. Afterward, in talking about calls generally, the archbishop said:

"A friend of mine in San Francisco called with his wife one afternoon at the house of an estimable lady. The lady's little daughter answered the bell, and my friend said to her:

"'Won't you please tell your mother that Mr. and Mrs. Smith are here?'"

"'Certainly,' said the little girl, and she departed. In a moment she returned.

"'Well, did you tell your mother?' said my friend.

"'Yes,' the child answered.

"'And what did your mother say?'"

"'Why,' said the little girl, 'she said, 'Oh, dear!'"